

Walking on, and in, the water



Baptism of Jessica Marie Allen

15th Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, August 13, 2023

The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister



Welcome to worship at New Joy Lutheran Church. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this morning.



New to New Joy? If you'd like to get in touch with the Pastor, be added to our email list, share a prayer request, or more, simply fill out one of the welcome/prayer cards in (most of) the seatback pockets and set it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or leave it on the counter in the church office.



Little children are always welcome – even and especially when they're a little noisy! We welcome children to worship God by toddling around, playing with toys, shaking tambourines, babbling and singing, and coming to the Lord's Table.

If little ones get too noisy during spoken parts of the service – the reading of Scripture, the sermon, or prayers – please try to quiet them or take them into the hallway for a moment to calm down. Thank you!

Our **nursery** is also available most Sundays for **children aged 5 and under**.



Holy Communion: At our Lord's Table Jesus gives his own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and intimacy of his promised presence with us. All who desire to receive our Lord are welcome. Communion is shared with bread (a wafer) and cup (grape juice). If you're uncertain about receiving or how to receive, don't hesitate to ask pastor when you come forward. You are welcome to receive a blessing or to receive the sacrament, as you feel led by the Spirit.



Offering: As part of our worship we collect an offering each week. Even as many of us have set up electronic fund transfer (EFT) giving for our weekly tithes and offerings, this ritual act continually calls us to give not just our funds but our whole selves to Jesus and to the mission of love and grace to which he calls us. This QR code takes you to our giving platform, [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com), which is also available as a mobile app.



These are the basics for worship. There is more information about our church on the back cover, and announcements are found in the last few pages of this bulletin.

GATHERING



Prelude

Opening Prayer



Opening Song

Shout to the Lord

(V, C1, V, C2)

Verse 1

My Jesus my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus 1

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the
promise I have in You

Chorus 2

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the
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Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



Kyrie

Dm C F Gm Dm C Am

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son Lord, have mer - cy on us

Dm C F Gm Dm C

5 Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son Christ have mer - cy

F Gm Dm A Dm/B^b Dm

8 Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy on us.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD



Children's Message



First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

R: A reading from First Kings:

⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Refrain
Leader All

*Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,*

*ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.*

1 2

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

*Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.*



Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Song of the Day

When Peace Like a River

(V1, C, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C)



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.



Baptism of Jessica Marie Allen

P: This is a day of resurrection and new life, of celebration, and of joy. On this day Jessica Marie receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism, joins with Christ in his death and resurrection, and receives the assurance of a life that perseveres through all things, even death.

A: St Paul writes

P: ... an ever-unfolding promise that we receive anew each and every day.

C: Daily we die. Daily we rise. Thanks be to God.

A: And in the Acts of the Apostles we read

P ... there is nothing today to keep you, Jessica, from being baptized.

C: The waters of baptism call us to new life in Christ.

P: Jessica, this day, August 13, 2023, shall forever be the day that God spoke to you through the church, washed you in water, and boldly made known to you and to the world that you, Jessica Marie, belong to God, and God belongs to you ...

P: People of God, do you promise to support Jessica and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: In the Christian life ...

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

P: Jessica Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

P: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you given Jessica Marie new birth, cleansed her from sin, and raised
her to eternal life.

P: Sustain Jessica with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jessica, child of God, our ancestors lathered the newly baptized head to toe in oil, as a sign that the Devil has no grip on those who are in Christ Jesus. Receive this anointing, trusting that you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

A: Jessica, we are so happy for you, and we are thrilled to welcome you into the family of believers here at New Joy.
Jesus says to let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: People of God here at New Joy,
on behalf of the entire Christian Church,
let us welcome Jessica into the life of faith we share.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ
that gathers at the foot of the cross
and the opening to the empty grave.
Join us in extending a Radical Welcome,
Sharing a generous grace,
Nurturing a transforming faith,
And living God's promise. Amen!**



Acclamation: ♪ Halle, Halle, Halle ♪

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.*



Prayers of the Church

Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "Hear us, O God." The response is, "Your mercy is great."



Sharing the Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.



Announcements & Offering

As part of our acts of worship we share select activities and opportunities from our life together. We collect an offering for the work of New Joy and of the partners we support locally and beyond. This QR code takes you to Tithe.ly, our giving platform.



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL



As we prepare to receive the gift of Holy Communion, we pray a table grace patterned after the great Old Testament and early church prayers that recount God's goodness and ask that such goodness would extend to us and through us now and until our Lord's promised return.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Pastor continues with the proper preface, appointed specifically for this season, which leads us to Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), the angelic chorus of Isaiah 6. This version of the Sanctus, set in a language foreign to many of us, gives us a sense of the otherworldliness of God's sacred presence.



The

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer, which includes the following response:

P: ...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we share in the mystery and promise of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

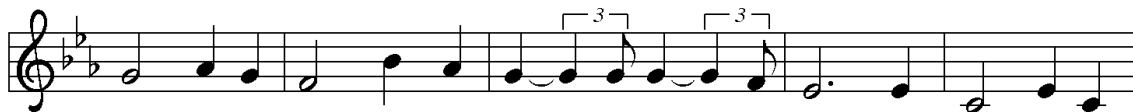
All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.



Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Wade in the Water

(C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C)

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.



Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

C: Amen



Sending Song

How Can I Keep From Singing

(V1, R, V2, R, V3, R, V4, R)



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Share the harvest of God's bounty.

C: Thanks be to God.



WORSHIP LEADERS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assisting Minister :	Norm Springer
Reader:	Laurie Cupp
Acolyte	Colin Studer

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Norm Springer</i>
<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Libby Dissauer</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Anthony Abbey</i>

NOTE: Next week, August 13, we will not have nursery care available.

The band members are Glenn Hoffman, Jim Gregory, Karen Archbold.

The Altar Guild members are Judy Moon, Kristi Kittilstved, Nancy Trullinger, Morgan Studer, and Shawna Harouff.

The Livestream team is Phil Havlik, Rich Kittilstved and Naaman Duckworth.

The audio is run by Steve Castle.

MINISTRY BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Becky Suchomel	President	January 2025
Laurie Cupp	Vice President	January 2026
Kristi Kittilstved	Secretary	January 2025
Chuck Studer	Treasurer	January 2024
Andy Clark	Co- Treasurer	January 2026
Gail Castle	Member at Large	January 2024

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- **How Can I Keep From Singing** – Text & Music by Robert Lowry

WORSHIP NOTES

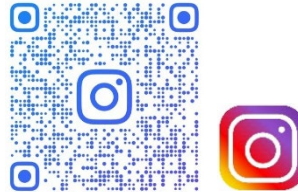
ABOUT THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Listen, God is Calling* is an anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya that Howard S. Olson translated into English. Olson says he heard it sung at a graduation in a theological extension program at Ol Doinyo Sambu, where Lutherans and Catholics work together. He taped it, notated it, and wrote to the priest who had sung the leader's part, Father Frans Lammers, to find its source. Lammers told him to write to the Catholic Senior Seminary at Kila apala. They wrote back and said, "Ask the Lutherans." On May 18, 1995, at St Anne Church in Ruskin, Florida, he met Monsignor Augustine Ndeukoya, a Catholic Chagga priest. Ndeukoya recognized the Swahili text and told Olson it had been composed in Kenya. Oldson says it was sung in Tanzania before the reading of the gospel. At the third stanza the people stood when the words in Swahili literally says, "Let us all stand, let us all stand, let us hear the word of salvation."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GATHERING & CONFIRMATION MINISTRY The school year – and here at church, the program year – have resumed! **Today** following worship, we will have an information session for the **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans** (youth completing 8th-12th grade next spring are eligible). That evening, we will have our first Confirmation Class of the year (7th and 8th graders). Want to invite a friend or neighbor to Confirmation Class or to the Youth Gathering? Think about it, pray about it, talk with Pastor Chris or Pastor Jessicah.

NEW JOY IS ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM These QR codes take you to our pages - @newjoy on your Facebook app, and @newjoywestfield on your Instagram app. On Facebook, we also have a private group. Search for “New Joy Partners” to join our group.



COFFEE HOUR has shifted to a monthly celebration, on the first Sunday of the month. Additional coffee hours will be shared on special occasions.

UPCOMING KEY DATES:

August 13 ELCA Youth Gathering interest session
August 13 Confirmation Ministry Kick-Off
August 28/29 First Day of New Joy Preschool Classes



CHRISTMAS CONVERSATION

Pastor Chris invites you to a conversation following worship on **Sunday, August 27**. The topic? Christmas! This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, which presents some interesting challenges – and opportunities – for New Joy. How can New Joy help make Christmas season worship possible for you, your household, and your neighbors and friends? Please join us to share with and hear from one another about how we might come together to worship this Christmas season.

ABOUT NEW JOY'S FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING MINISTRIES

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets in two annual sessions – one in the fall and one in the winter - for 7th and 8th grade faith formation and fellowship. Classes in our fall session begin next Sunday, August 13. Pastor Jessicah Duckworth is our Confirmation Ministry coordinator.

SEASONED BELIEVERS, our seniors fellowship group, meets on Tuesdays at 9am at Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield.

BIBLE STUDIES meet at New Joy on Tuesdays at 7pm (on summer hiatus) and on Wednesdays at 1pm. The Tuesday evening group uses a curriculum, and we all read a brief study in advance of each session. The Wednesday midday group reads the Scripture for the next Sunday, and maintains the New Joy prayer list.

NEW JOY'S MUSIC MINISTRY rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Interested in singing or playing with the band? Please speak with our Music Minister, Glenn Hoffman, after worship, or via email at music@newjoy.org.

JOYFUL GIRLS, our women's fellowship group, gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore if you have any questions.

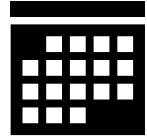
MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. During the summer they host a few cookouts. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

RADICAL WELCOME MINISTRY is a growing series of events, experiences, studies, and workshops dedicated to explicit welcome and support for LGBTQ+ church members and neighbors. As Pastor Chris often says, *explicit animus must be met with explicit love*. Morgan Studer, Greg Platt, Alexa Helm, Libby Dissauer are on the Core Team facilitating this work. We are always happy to discuss this work – please reach out.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a wonderfully intense week of faith and fun for children, and for the teens and adults who accompany them.

AS WE CONTINUE TO EMERGE FROM COVID DISCOMBOBULATION we look forward to (re)establishing more faith and fellowship events for children and youth. Reach out to Pastor Chris if you're called to support this kind of ministry.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, August 13

- Worship, 9:30am,
- Youth Gathering Information Session, following worship
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

Monday, August 14

- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, August 15

- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield

Wednesday, August 16

- Bible Study, 1pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, August 17

- Preschool playdate, 9:30am
- Ministry Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Friday, August 18

- Preschool Open House, 10am

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Share a Generous Grace We are a spirited community which boldly proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith We are a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise We are a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.

The truth is that we don't always believe confidently, or pray wholeheartedly, or serve selflessly on our own. Yet when we come together in community we draw out the best in each other and in ourselves, lean on the faith of those around us, and seek the goodness of God for ourselves and for the world that God so loves.

Full of belief or doubt, confidence or questions? There is a place for you at New Joy. The people of New Joy are newcomers to Christianity and interfaith families, lifelong active church goers and people who have spent decades away from the church before finding their way to New Joy. There is a place for you at New Joy, too.



New Joy is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).